

Amendments to the Specification

Page 30, lines 11-22, please rewrite as follows:

In a nitrogen atmosphere, 3-methylamino-1-thiophen-2-yl-propenone (70 g, 0.418 mol), $\text{RuCl}_2((R)\text{-dm-binap})(\text{R-dipen})$ ~~((R)-dipen)~~ ((R) daipen) (511 mg, 0.41 mmol), potassium carbonate (63.6 g, 0.46 mol) and 2-propanol (700 ml) were added to a one-liter autoclave and, after the air was removed therefrom, hydrogen pressure was charged until a predetermined pressure (2.5 MPa) followed by stirring at 30°C for 18 hours. Potassium carbonate was removed by filtration and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized from toluene to give 56.7 g (yield: 79.2%) of (1S)-3-(methylamino)-1-(2-thienyl)propan-1-ol. Melting point = 68 to 70°C. Chemical purity: 99.9%. Optical purity: 99.7% ee.